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Our department, for the next ten days, will make a specialty of taking orders for Christmas engraving. After December 15 no orders will be taken for Christmas delivery.

Note these special low prices:

Script Style, Plate and 100 Cards for \$1.10
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Shaded Old English, Plate and 100 Cards for \$2.25

Sunday School and Bible Classes are invited to visit our Book and Stationery Department and talk over many suggestions for Christmas gift giving.

Basement.

LARCENY CHARGE AGAINST PEDDLER

Kloss Said to Have Cleaned Out
Cash Drawer While
Victim Fled.

Vaharam Berbelohn, of 200 North Fifth Street, and William Kloss, a peddler, were arrested yesterday afternoon for being disorderly and fighting in the street. Berbelohn is said to have bought several baskets of grapes from Kloss, and the transaction caused an argument, which resulted in the fight. It continued until Patrolman Dunn arrived. Both were bailed at the Second Police Station.

Angry at his arrest, Kloss is said to have sought out Berbelohn at his store. Desiring no further trouble, the latter rushed into the street to summon a policeman. While he was absent, Kloss is alleged to have stolen all the money he had in his cash register and disappeared. Berbelohn immediately swore out a warrant for him, charging him with larceny.

Kloss' cart, in which were several hundred baskets of grapes, was found last night by Ballard Smith, with the horse moving at a rapid trot, at Twelfth and Marshall Streets. A trail of grape baskets indicated the way it had come.

The vehicle and horse Smith turned over to Patrolman Welch at Fifth and Marshall Streets. W. H. Kellum later claimed it as his property, saying that Kloss had been employed by him to peddle the grapes.

NEW POST-OFFICE CLERKS

Six Men Join Staff of Central Office on

Assistant Postmaster W. Ross Steward announced yesterday the appointment of six additional clerks, who will take up their work in the central office on December 1. The increase in the force has been under consideration for some time, and follows a steady increase in the value of business conducted by the Richmond post-office.

The appointments were made from the classified civil service list by Postmaster Allen, and have been ratified by First Assistant Postmaster-General C. F. Grandfield. The men and the departments to which they will be assigned follow:

Robert H. Gibson and Arthur P. Saunders, city division; Paul E. Inge and Luther L. Chandler, mailing division; Iron L. Long, money order division; and Edward L. Melton, registry division. The initial salary of all the new clerks is \$600 a year.

Including the new appointments, the Richmond post-office employs now 121 clerks and 4 vision heads. This number includes the complement of the three substations.

Investigate Counterfeit Case.
The hearing of Paul Williams, the young Russian who with an American name, a record of passing counterfeit money, had continued yesterday morning in Police Court until 10 o'clock. In order to give detectives an opportunity to investigate the charge and confer with the Federal authorities.

Levy to Read Paper.
Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy will represent this city at the National Conference on Housing in America, which will open in Philadelphia December 1. He will be accompanied by Dr. R. E. F. Ferguson, Inspector for the State Department of Health. Dr. Levy will read a paper on "Health Improvements and Housing."

SAVINGS BANK
OF
RICHMOND
JUST RE-OPENED

Money in our bank earns interest while you sleep. Why should you not provide a little nest egg to make you comfortable in old age. One dollar starts you.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY
FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

McDOWELL LEAVES RICHMOND BLUES

Captain of Company A Tenders
Resignation, to Regret
of Command.

MEETING HELD TO PROTEST

Committee Tells Him He Must
Stay, but Commander
Remains Firm.

Thomas B. McDowell, captain of Company A, Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, has resigned his commission, and his resignation was in the hands of Adjutant-General W. W. Sale yesterday. It will be acted on at an early date, and it seems now that it will probably be accepted.

Many efforts have been made during the last day or two to induce Captain McDowell to reconsider his action and to withdraw his resignation. A meeting of the enlisted men of his company was held and a committee appointed to see the commanding officer and ask him to remain with the company. He has been urged thus officially, as well as privately, not to retire.

But to all appeals he has remained obdurate. He replied to the committee that his business duties are extensive and that the military affairs to be attended to as a military commander required much of his time, so that the two interests not infrequently conflict. Under the circumstances he could see nothing but retirement.

Captain McDowell reiterated his interest in the company and the battalion and his willingness to do anything in his power for their success.

The retiring captain was commissioned November 24, 1908. He had worked his way up from the ranks and had thorough experience as a soldier. Intensely fond of the work, he was always to be found in the company room at night, taking an active interest in all affairs. His capacity for leadership is amply shown by the fact that his company had at all times mustered more men than the established number of sixty.

Captain McDowell has taken part with his men in other affairs, especially in athletics. He is a member of the Blues' football team this year. He is a good shot and for one year was possessor of the ancient battalion medal as the best rifle shot in the Blues. He has personally seen to the training of his squad and, not content with sending his men on the strenuous march, he has gone with them.

First Lieutenant W. G. Fuller may be chosen as Captain McDowell's successor.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS MEET

Officers Elected at Triennial Gathering
in This City.

The Virginia State Council, Catholic Knights of America, held its second triennial meeting in this city last Sunday. Outside of the transaction of routine business, the principal matter to come before the meeting was the selection of officers for the next three years.

The officers chosen are: Joe T. Brown, Petersburg, president; John T. Nagle, Richmond, held its second triennial meeting in this city last Sunday. Outside of the transaction of routine business, the principal matter to come before the meeting was the selection of officers for the next three years.

The council adjourned to meet again in Richmond in November, 1915.

Negro Fined \$50.
George Smith, colored, was fined \$50 and cost yesterday morning in Police Court for firing a revolver in Pegg Street.

Robbery Hearing Continued.
The hearing of the charge of highway robbery against S. D. Puryear, H. T. Clarke and Judson Collier was continued yesterday morning in Police Court until December 3. The men are accused of holding up and robbing Mrs. John Joseph, who conducts a confectionery store of \$250.

Spent Four Cents in Campaign.
R. D. Downey, Socialist candidate for Congress in the Second District in the recent election, spent yesterday afternoon with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. He says he spent 4 cents, said sum going into the coffers of the Post-Office Department for stamps.

Arrested on Suspicion.
John Willis, colored, suspected of larceny, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeants Belton and Bailey and Detective Gentry and lodged in the First Police Station. He will have a hearing this morning in Police Court.

Watch Stolen.
The police have been asked to look for the thief who yesterday afternoon stole a nickel-plated watch while she was shopping in Richmond.

Wanted in Washington.
Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Hugh E. Rees, a pressman of this city, and Bertha V. Mitchell, also of Richmond, who are to marry in Washington, D. C., on December 1. Rees is a collector, and Willie B. Butler, both of Richmond.

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To Farmers: A Generation or Two

ago Denmark was in poverty and distress. The government wisely determined to revive agriculture and apply scientific methods. It tried various means to that end, but with little success. It finally sent out the trained farm demonstrator (as provided for in the Lever bill now pending). This proved the remedy and brought Denmark from poverty to thrift. It doubled the land values; it quadrupled the savings bank deposits; it made Denmark a happy, prosperous nation. It sent the people from the cities back to the farms, and Denmark to-day is the finest agricultural country in the world. For further information in regard to the Lever bill, write a card to the National Soil Fertility League, First National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill. This will bring you all details.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,
Richmond, Virginia.

GAMING PLACES RAIDED BY POLICE

Score of Men Seated About Poker
Tables Arrested by
Detectives.

CARDS AND CHIPS ARE SEIZED

Players and Spectators Locked
Up for Night, While Others
Give Bond.

Three alleged gambling resorts were successfully raided last night by Detectives Gentry, Smith and Belton, acting upon orders from Chief of Police Werner. The owners and players, all white, with the exception of the negro porters, were arrested, and those who were unable to furnish bond for their appearance in Police Court this morning were locked up at the Second Police Station.

The detectives visited the rooms of R. W. Leigh, 124 East Broad Street, first, and when they entered nearly a dozen men, most of them playing poker, while two others were merely spectators, were found seated about a big, round, baize-covered table. All were immediately placed under arrest. Bushels of cards and chips were confiscated, as well as the "pot" containing about \$15.

The third place raided was the Flag and Eagle Social Club, 312 North Fifth Street, where about ten men were found, and like the others, they also were seated about a big, round table. The third place entered was the Manhattan Club, 412 East Broad Street, where about ten men were found, and like the others, they also were seated about a big, round table.

Charge interference. The officers had no trouble in entering any of the alleged poker rooms. At Leigh's place, C. A. Graves is said to have become angry and cursed Gentry, and when the charge of being disorderly and interfering with an officer was made against him.

Richmond has been comparatively free from gambling resorts for a long while, and when the officers descended upon the players last night all encountered the surprise of a lifetime. The following men were found and placed under arrest:

J. W. Ryan, of Baltimore; J. L. Clements, of Norfolk; T. R. Adler, of Portsmouth; J. W. Arnold, of 712 West Clay Street; J. E. Thorpe, of 311 West Main Street; M. P. Dillard, of 2409 Chaffin Street; S. W. Ogden, of Lynchburg; George Kinsman, of 712 East Market Street; and Jordan Jones, colored porter, of 207 East Clay Street. Several of this number were unable to furnish bail.

Social Club Victim.

The Flag and Eagle Club was incorporated by the State Corporation Commission last year, and in its charter the following are named as officers: J. W. Butler, president; Thomas Drummond, vice-president; and W. A. Phelps, secretary-treasurer. All three were arrested and immediately furnished bond. Others found at the place were A. T. Trout, J. W. Broadnax, John Hall, O. R. McCarley, G. R. Richardson, and James Green, the colored porter. All were bailed.

Persons found at the Manhattan Club gave their names as follows: I. Perry, J. E. Cobean, J. E. Tooney, M. R. Thomas, F. Greene and J. B. Gardner.

The Flag and Eagle Club was more elaborately equipped than the Leigh's place. The three rooms, the center of which were occupied by the big, round tables, were well furnished.

Following the raids, Major Werner said that he had learned of the existence of these clubs and had immediately given orders to suppress them. "I do not intend to permit gamblers to infect Richmond," he said. "The men who are under police observation, and their owners and patrons are likely to be arrested and carried into court."

HAS NOT BEEN CALLED

Dr. W. C. James Says He Has Not Been
Asked to Fill Spartanburg Pulpit.

Rev. W. C. James, D. D., pastor of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, said last night that it was not true, as reported, that he had received a call from the First Baptist Church, of Spartanburg, S. C., and that the rumor probably arose from his own personal relations with members of the church. Dr. James explained that action by the entire congregation was necessary for a pastor to be called by any Baptist church, and that the preferences of one or two members carried but little weight. He implied that he had been approached by one or two members of the Spartanburg congregation, but made no definite statement in that regard.

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CITIZENS DIFFER ON MORTGAGE TAX

Real Estate Exchange Dinner
Scene of Spirited Discussion
of Problem.

SPEAKERS ADVOCATE REPEAL

Mr. Rountree Dissents From
This View—Pleasant Successful
Social Affair.

Beginning with a happy toast offered by President T. P. Bryan, of the Business Men's Club, the dinner of the Real Estate Exchange at the Jefferson Hotel last night proceeded harmoniously to a discussion of Richmond's commercial and particularly its real estate abilities and disabilities. At 10 o'clock it reached its climax in a striking arraignment by Leroy E. Brown of mortgage tax laws as administered in this State.

The program proceeded smoothly until 11 o'clock, when, in response to a call from Toastmaster O. H. Funsten for voluntary speakers from the ranks of property holders present, Henry W. Rountree took the floor with a short speech, in which he defended the retention of the present mortgage laws and made a plea for the repeal of the tax. He was followed by Mr. Brown, who delivered a spirited reply from President Funsten, of the Real Estate Exchange, which was promptly met by a counter reply from Mr. Rountree.

John C. Easley took up arms for his real estate confederates, and for twenty minutes the meeting took on the general character of an intercollegiate debate. Shortly before midnight the chair's invitation for additional speakers failed to meet with response, and the gathering adjourned, mutually enlightened, with malice towards none and charity towards all time.

Altogether, the foregoing is an outline of the big features of last night's dinner. There were many others. To begin, there was a substantial beefsteak feed, with the usual side dishes. More than 100 real estate men and as many more from other fields of industry were seated at the tables arranged in the form of a large hollow square, when T. P. Bryan brought the gathering to its feet with a toast to the long life and usefulness of the Richmond Real Estate Exchange.

President O. H. Funsten, of the exchange, was toastmaster and opened the program at 8:30 o'clock with a general address of welcome and a statement of the organization's function in the community. The exchange, he said, among other things, fosters a get-together spirit between the real estate men, makes for unanimity of action along the line of reforms relating to the transfer of records, and affords its members protection by supplying information as to property and tenants not to be secured through individual effort.

Attacks Mortgage Laws.
"Two things only are certain in life," said Leroy E. Brown, opening his attack on the Virginia mortgage tax, death and taxes. And from the way some of the latter are imposed in this State it is but an indifferent choice between the two."

Both from the standpoint of the real estate dealer and that of the investor, said Mr. Brown, the present obnoxious and valueless tax on deeds and mortgages is the most glaring defect in the State's taxing system. Compared with New York, which imposes a tax of \$5 on the \$1,000, payable only once during the life of the mortgage, Virginia, he said, exacts a tax of \$17.50 for the same unit, payable annually.

The removal of this unjust and double tax, he said, would destroy in large part the incentive toward undervaluation and perjury, which is resorted to now in an effort to evade its burdens, and would increase the revenues of the State by providing for prepayment at the time of filing instead of at the end of the year, the present practice. It would lessen the rate of interest by providing abundant capital for investment.

Opposed by Mr. Rountree.
Mr. Rountree, in the free-for-all discussion, which followed the formal speaking, declared himself as utterly opposed to the principle thus laid down, and said frankly that he saw no distinction between taxing the holder of a mortgage and levying upon the possessor of other kinds of property. He hoped, he said, that the present tax on mortgages would never be removed.

Funsten admitted the possibility of a difference of opinion on all questions, but stoutly insisted that the grievance of the real estate men was a real one. "The Real Estate Exchange of Richmond," he said, "will secure the repeal of this tax or die in the noble fight."

President W. H. Adams, of the Board of Aldermen, spoke a word on behalf of the city government and urged all men with money to invest to listen to Richmond's real estate men and strive to certain fortune. John C. Easley made a plea for the annexation of more territory, particularly that to the west of the city, in order that the municipal government might be placed in a position to deal effectively with the insistent railroad problem in that section.

A. L. Adamson, of South Richmond, called forth a hearty cheer with the statement that the city has fulfilled all of its annexation promises to the Southside, and asked the Council to hasten the completion of the new bridge. T. M. Carrington and W. T. Dabney brought a message of cooperation from the Chamber of Commerce, and T. P. Bryan spoke for the Business Men's Club. O. A. Hawkins discussed the delinquent gas and water bill problem, and called upon the business men present to aid in securing the repeal of the ordinance, which saddles this responsibility upon real estate dealers.

Coralee Dispenser Convicted.
Ruth Lee, colored, was convicted by a jury in the Hustings Court yesterday of having in her possession and dispensing cocaine. She was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Judgment Entered.
Judgment was entered yesterday in the Law and Equity Court in the case of H. C. Richardson against Harris Gripper and Miscellaneous Company for \$200.00.

Spay Offenders.
E. Rowe Meade, a carpenter, was arraigned in Police Court yesterday morning on charges of beating Kate Meade, being a salaried woman, refusing to support him, and contempt of court. Justice Crutchfield gave him a chance to mend his ways by sentencing him to the reformatory.

That Thanksgiving Affair

Will require formal dress. If your wardrobe shows any shortage you will find here just the right things in Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits, and everything else that is necessary.

Gans-Rady Company

JUDGE WILL SEND JOYRIDERS TO JAIL

Richardson Has No Patience
With Flagrant Speeders Who
Appeal From Fines.

"Reckless automobile drivers, and especially joy riders need not come before me to be lenient with them. I am opposed to them in every way, shape and form, and any flagrant violator of the speed laws who leaves his fate in my hands I will commit to jail. It will be far better for this type of offenders for them to submit their trials to a jury or a decision by Justice Crutchfield's advice."

These remarks were drawn from Judge D. C. Richardson in the Hustings Court yesterday, when John Akin Branch, of 313 West Franklin Street, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving his automobile faster than allowed by law. Through his counsel, Hiram M. Smith, he asked that the minimum fine of \$10 be imposed.

Branch had appealed from a fine of \$100 imposed by Justice Crutchfield last August. He was arrested by Motorcycle Officers Samuels and Thurman for exceeding the speed limit in Monument Avenue and Rosemeath Road.

It was when the minimum punishment was asked for that Judge Richardson declared his attitude towards the speed law violators. He held, however, that the offense of Branch was not a flagrant one, but in view of his opposition to all forms of speeding, he would not consent to imposing the minimum punishment, but decided to fine him \$50, or one-half the amount imposed by Justice Crutchfield.

After he had left the bench, Judge Richardson again explained that all speeders will meet with but small consideration from him when convicted.

BRISTOL SUFFRAGISTS

Equal Suffrage League Holds Meeting
at Bristol and Elects Officers.

The Equal Suffrage League recently formed at Bristol, Va., has held a second meeting and added to its list thirteen new members, as follows: Mrs. M. E. Peavler, R. L. Gault, C. James G. George, E. Davis, W. H. Fillingim, C. C. English, Misses Lena Galt, Corinne Brown, Myra Wright, Ina Fillingim, Isaman, Annie L. English and John R. Hayes.

Mrs. H. G. Peters, president, presided at the meeting, which was held at the Bristol Hotel. A letter announcing his conviction was received yesterday by Chief of Police Werner from Major A. J. Sylvester, superintendent of the Washington penitentiary.

Marshall was arrested in Richmond on September 17 at the request of Major Sylvester.

First Car of New Corn.
The first car of new corn of the season was offered on the Richmond Grain Exchange yesterday by N. R. Savage & Son.

**INDICT WOODSON
FOR NEGRO'S DEATH**

Contractor Will Be Tried on
Charge of Being Responsible
for Fatality.

W. J. Woodson, a concrete contractor, of 1423 Floyd Avenue, was indicted yesterday by the grand jury in the Hustings Court for the death of Moses Taylor, the aged negro laborer who was killed on October 16, when a concrete roof connecting buildings 1535 and 1541 East Main Street collapsed, catching him beneath and crushing him.

Woodson was also said to have been guilty of violating the city building code by removing the forms, but in Police Court he was held for grand jury action on the charge of murder.

The true bill typewritten pages, consisting of many pages, will probably take place at the next term of court, the petit jury having been discharged for the November term last night by Judge D. C. Richardson.

VERDICT FOR \$50

Step Accident Remains in Suit for \$2,000.

Jury verdict and judgment were entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court in the case of Flora C. Williams against the Virginia Railway and Power Company in the sum of \$50. The plaintiff sued through John A. Lamb for \$2,000. She claimed that on January 30, 1911, when a passenger on a street car, she attempted to alight at the intersection of Twenty-fifth and M Street. The car started forward suddenly, throwing her to the ground and bruising her so that she required medical attention.

DR. FERGUSON EATS 'EM ALIVE

Daily Consumes Billions of Al-
leged Microbes and Boasts
of Feat.

State Bacteriologist Made Ferguson may now be accounted one of the bravest men alive. A reporter for The Times-Dispatch yesterday saw him take his life in his own hands.

Be it remembered that for weeks past Dr. Ferguson has been a member of a joint commission from Virginia and Maryland and the United States government, ascertaining the sanitary condition of Virginia oysters. A bulletin recently issued by the department in Washington said that oysters in the Potomac were infected. Dr. Ferguson, with the commission, has been down the river, has taken many samples, has made bacteriological analyses, and knows the situation.

Yet the reporter detected him yesterday in the very act of eating a plate of raw oysters in the Commercial Hotel.

And the worst of it was he liked it. He ate with evident relish, apparently oblivious of the reputed billions of typhoid microbes to be found therein.

Still further, Dr. Ferguson called for Virginia oysters.

And he was not a bit ashamed of his foolishness. Instead of turning pale when the newspaper men approached, he smiled cordially.

"Doctor," said the reporter, who could hardly believe his eyes, "are you courting death? Does life mean so little to you that you will take those dangerous germs into your system? Don't you know what the experts in Washington said?"

"I eat them all the time," he responded carelessly. "I don't want to die, and I don't expect to. Have some with me."

Marriage Licenses.